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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF DENIZ

GEZMIS EXECUTION

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1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN SEVERAL TURKISH CITIES MAY 6 COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS OF DENIZ GEZMIS AND TWO ASSOCIATES, MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL LEFTIST DEV GENC MOVEMENT WHO WERE EXECUTED IN 1972 FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. IN ANKARA APPROXIMATELY 2,000 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE OBSERVANCES AT THE POLITICAL SCIENCES AND LAW FACULTIES, BUT DISPERSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. LATER A SEPARATE GROUP OF 300 STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO PLACE A BLACK WREATH AT THE ATATURK STATUE IN THE ULUS DISTRICT, BUT THEY WERE DISPERSED BY POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS AND 20 PERSONS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO TOOK PLACE IN ISTANBUL AND IZMIR (SEE IZMIR'S SEPTEL).

2. MEANWHILE, MINOR STUDENT DISTURBANCES CONTINUE MAY 2-6 WITH INCIDENTS REPORTED IN ANKARA, TRABZON, DIYARBAKIR, KAYSERI, ARTVIN PROVINCE AND ELAZIG. THE GAZI TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN

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ANKARA, THE SCENE OF SPORADIC DISTURBANCES OVER THE PAST TWO

MONTHS, WAS CLOSED FOR THREE DAYS. IN KARS AN ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN THE OFFICE OF THE RADICAL LEFTIST DEVRIMCI HALK NEWSPAPER RESULTED IN LIMITED DAMAGE, AND IN ANKARA TWO PERSONS REPORTEDLY ESCAPED AFTER ATTEMPTING TO PLACE A BOMB IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP).

3. COMMENT: THE TURKISH SECURITY FORCES HAD TIMELY WARNING AND TOOK SUFFICIENT PRECAUTIONS TO DETER SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THESE INCIDENTS.

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